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1. DESALINATION PROGRAM IN SAUDI ARABIA IS MOMENTARILY BACK
ON TRACK AFTER 8 MONTHS DEALY DUE TO REASONS REPORTED REFTEL.

2. BID INVITATIONS HAVE BEEN RE-ISSUED FOR JIDDA IV,
AL WAJH-DUBA PHASE II, AND THE FOUR-PART JUBAIL PROJECT.

3. BIDS FOR THE JUBAIL PROJECT- A DUAL PURPOSE 30 MILLION
GALLONS PER DAY, 300 MEGAWATT PLANT-ARE DUE IN FOUR
STAGES, AS FOLLOWS: MARCH 19-SITE PREPARATION; MARCH 22-
SEAWATER INTAKE; MARCH 26-POWER PLANT; AND MARCH 29-
DESALINATION UNIT.

4. KAISER-WESTINGHOUSE-BIN LADIN, WHICH ORIGINALLY
BID ON BOTH THE POWER PLANT AND DESALINATION UNIT,
HAS REPORTEDLY DECLINED TO BID ON THE DESALINATION UNIT
THIS TIME AROUND. WESTINGHOUSE, AS WELL AS GENERAL
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ELECTRIC, IS INTERESTED IN THE POWER PLANT BID.

5. BID DATE FOR AL-WAJH-DUBA PHASE II, BOTH SMALL
PLANTS OF 120,000 GALLONS PER DAY, IS MARCH 12.

6. JIDDA PHASE IV-5 MILLION GALLONS PER DAY, 500
MEGAWATTS-HAS A BID DATE OF MARCH 15.

7. BID OPENING DATES ARE ONE DAY AFTER BID DUE DATES FOR ALL PROJECTS LISTED.

8. JIDDA PHASE II-10 MILLION GALLONS, 100 MEGAWATTS- IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION BY SASAKURA (JAPAN), AND DUE FOR COMPLETION IN ONE YEAR.

9. JIDDA PHASE III-20 MILLION GALLONS, 200 MEGAWATTS-WAS AWARDED DATE SPRING 1976 TO KRAFTWERKE UNION (GERMAN). SITE PREPARATIONS HAS BEEN COMPLETED, BUT GROUND HAS YET TO BE BROKEN. PROJECTED COMPLETION DATE IS SUMMER 1979.

10. SPECIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED ON ADDITIONAL PLANTS FOR YENBO, MEDINA AND AL-KHOBAR PHASE II. BID INVITATIONS WILL NOT BE EXTENDED AT LEAST UNTIL JULY 1977, AS THIS FISCAL YEAR'S BUDGET DOES NOT INCLUDE FUNDS FOR THESE PROJECTS.

1. WATER SHORTAGE IN SAUDI ARABIA IS GROWING CRITICAL. SWCC VICE GOVERNOR EXPRESSED FRUSTRATION OF HIS AGENCY IN OVERCOMING POLITICAL HURDLES. INFORMATION GATHERED BY VARIOUS MINISTRIES ON WATER SUPPLIES AND DEMANDS IS NOT BEING SHARED, AND SWCC IS OFTEN ASKED TO TENDER PLANTS WITH INADEQUATE INFORMATION ON LONG-TERM DEMANDS OF THE REGION.

12. MONDAY, JANUARY 31, HAS BEEN PROCLAIMED A NATIONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DAY OF PRAYER FOR RAIN BY KING KHALED. SWCC VICE-GOVERNOR STATED THAT IT HAS WORKED IN THE PAST, AND CONSIDERING THE CURRENT PROBLEMS FACING SWCC, IT BETTER WORK IN THE FUTURE.
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